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ABSTRACT

Background information and an outline of major activities of the first EUDISED Working Party on Selection Criteria meeting of December 1976 are presented. The purpose of the EUDISED project is to coordinate information exchange activities in educational documentation and information in Europe. Criteria for selection of national projects to report, process, and publish are re-examined, and suggestions made concerning the future of EUDISED research and development. (KP)

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LUDISED PROJECT

First meeting of Working Party on
Selection Criteria for LUDISED R & D
Paris, 30 November/1 December 1976

SUMMARY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

1. The first meeting of the Working Party on Selection Criteria for EUDISED R & D was held in Paris, Council of Europe office, on 30 November and 1 December 1976. The members of the Working Party had been nominated by the two Committees concerned, the Committee for Educational Research and the Committee for Educational Documentation and Information. As the chairmen of both Committees were among the members of the Working Party, Professor Mitter, chairman of the Educational Research Committee, was elected chairman of the first meeting of the Working Party, and Dr. Gran, chairman of the Committee for Educational Documentation and Information, was asked to chair the second and final meeting. The list of participants is given in Appendix I and the agenda in Appendix II.

2. The following papers served as a basis for discussion:

- The EUDISED Project, English version: Paedagogica Europaea 1976-1, page 75; French version: DLCS/Doc (76) 1 rev.;
- Secretariat memorandum on previous attempts to define selection criteria for EUDISED R & D (document DECS/Doc (76) 25;
- Critères pour un Catalogue des Recherches Pédagogiques, by J. Cardinet and M. Schmutz, Paedagogica Europaea 1976-1, page 37, (French only).

TERMS OF REFERENCE

3. When constituting the Working Party, both Committees had emphasised that the responsibility for selecting national projects to be reported, processed and published in the decentralised framework of EUDISED R & D, remained in principle with the national agencies co-operating in the network, but that certain selection criteria needed to be agreed upon and applied by all agencies to ensure the necessary degree of homogeneity. The Working Party was, therefore, requested to re-examine the selection criteria which had so far been used, to propose new criteria where appropriate and to submit the new catalogue of selection criteria to the national agencies.

PROCEEDINGS AND MAIN RESULTS

4. The Working Party discussed first the various possible approaches, examined in this context the previous attempts to define selection criteria for EUDISED R & D in 1970

(document DECS/Rech (70) 15, paragraph 2) and at the latest meeting of editors of national surveys of educational research (document DECS/Rech (76) 23, paragraphs 6 and 7), and reviewed the situation concerning documentation of and information on educational research in the five member states represented at the meeting. The discussion led to an agreement on a number of general criteria like internal validity, generalisability and applicability to related situations. In order to test these general criteria some 30 completed EUDISED R & D worksheets 1976 were examined which the Secretariat had received from national agencies but which it hesitated to include in EUDISED R & D. From this discussion a few formal criteria emerged, eg:

- Worksheets which did not give full information on the objectives and methods and, in the case of completed research, on the results of the project concerned, should be returned to the national agency concerned to obtain the necessary information.
- "Border cases" (eg linguistic, sociological, medical, political science research, etc.): the abstract should clearly show what relevance the project had for education.
- All R & D projects to be included in EUDISED R & D should add new elements to the existing knowledge, thus trivial or repetitive research should be excluded.
- Some R & D projects might be of national interest, whereas their general interest for other countries might be doubtful: in these cases the worksheets should be processed and thus entered into the data base but should not be published in the EUDISED R & D Bulletin.

5. In this context the Working Party made some suggestions for the future development of EUDISED R & D, eg:

- publication of special issues of the EUDISED R & D Bulletin prepared by a specialised national research organisation having experience of working in co-operation with other specialised organisations; this should apply in particular to fields like research into language teaching, science education, mathematics education, etc.
- publication of relatively short trend reports summarising recent developments in a given field on the basis of projects published in the EUDISED R & D Bulletins.

6. In the second part of the discussion it became increasingly evident that the problem of selection criteria was inseparable from the broader question of what is good research, for whom,

when and where. This was discussed in great detail and various taxonomies were outlined. The paper by Mr. Cardinet and Miss Schmutz was found to be very helpful in clarifying the issues. The Working Party reached the conclusion that it could only solve its task by preparing, on the one hand, a very brief paper giving the new catalogue of selection criteria and, on the other, an exhaustive background paper or "manual" linking the selection criteria to the current state of educational research in Europe and its uptake. The Working Party recommended that Mr. Morris should, under contract to the Council of Europe, prepare these two papers. Mr. Morris accepted. The following time schedule was agreed upon:

- 1 March 1977: an outline of some 2,500 words to be sent by the author to the Secretariat for discussion at the next meeting of the Working Party;
- 15 May 1977: final version of both papers to be submitted by the author (some 12,500 words for the background paper);
- the author should have the possibility to discuss his paper with representatives of OECD and the National Institute for Educational Research in Paris (travel and subsistence expenses to be borne by the Council of Europe).

NEXT MEETING

7. It was agreed to hold the second and final meeting of the Working Party on 10 and 11 March 1977 at the Council of Europe's Paris office and the reasons why the meeting should be held in Paris and not in Strasbourg were explained to the Secretariat.

The meeting, which began on 30 November at 9.30 am, concluded on 1 December at 1 pm.

APPENDIX I

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ANNEXE II

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of the Chairman
3. Adoption of draft agenda
4. General discussion: terms of reference and approaches
5. Discussion of possible selection criteria
6. Discussion of work programme and of preparation of report
7. Date and place of second and final meeting
8. Any other business